Cushing Okla

Radio 5ADO

Ur 40 METER sigs wkd here Aug 28 25
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5DQ

Vy gld to QSO OM Ur FB HERE
DX WKD 5ADZ SanAngelo Tex

Opr. Francès Davis

W5DQ

GENE BREWER
RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA

84+ Years of W5DQ (5DQ)

In 1925, Francis Owen Davis, a 16 year old boy from Cushing, Oklahoma was issued the original call sign 5DQ. This was almost three years before W and K prefixes would be assigned by the newly formed Federal Radio Commission and the International Telecommunications Union. Francis would use 5DQ (after 1928, W5DQ) until he moved to California in 1941 when then current rules required a new call for the resident call area. He would receive W6DQ.

From 1941 thru late 1947, per Callbooks of the period, W5DQ was unassigned. In the winter 1947/48 Callbook, W5DQ was found assigned to Mr. Felix Bolzelle (originally W5FQH) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1937, he was one of the original 10 founding members of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. Felix would hold W5DQ until his death in August 1993. W5DQ remained on the FCC records and expired 1998.

In April 2000, my late father, Landon John (Jack) Brewer, Jr., of Hatfield, AR was issued W5DQ using the FCC Vanity Call Program. Dad would use W5DQ until his untimely passing from a 4 year battle with cancer on December 25, 2008. In February 2009, I applied for and was assigned W5DQ. I was proud to do it as a fitting tribute to the memory of my father.

The QSL card image on the front is a copy of an original 5DQ QSL from 1925, used by permission from Mrs. Doris E. (Davis) Boykin (Francis' daughter), of San Jacinto, California.

Although it appears no significant operations ever took place using the 5DQ/W5DQ call, it's unique that a call sign could change hands so many times over nearly a century and I was able to positively identify all previous holders in detail. This QSL card is dedicated to my father and all the past W5DQ holders.

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W5DQ cfms a 2X QSO with N9BCA

Date	Time	Band	Mode	RST
11-Jun-11	0234Z	6M	SSB	59

tnx QSL!

73, Gene